

REMARKS

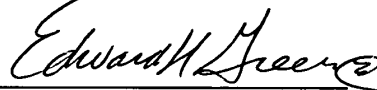
Rejected claims 13-21, 23-26, 28, 34 and 36-37 are cancelled, without prejudice to a continuation. Objected-to claims 22, 27 and 35 are amended herein to include all limitations of their respective parent claims and any intervening claims. As the respective independent claims are cancelled, no fees are due. No new matter is added. Claims 1-12 and 29-33 are indicated allowed.

Hence, claims 1-12, 22, 27, 29-33 and 35 remain pending, all of which are allowed.

Prompt issuance of a patent on this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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